

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: 30 Apr 1958

SUBJECT : Contact with AECALBARO/1

PLACE & DURATION: Met at Caruso's on 14th St went to lunch at Bonat's from  
1300 to 1400, 30 April 1958

PARTICIPANTS: AECALBARO/1

Arrangements for the meeting were made by [ ] [ ]

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1. The primary purpose of the meeting was to determine the state of A/1's morale. His problem was basically as follows. When he was sent to Germany in the summer of 1957 it was on PCS. He returned to the U.S. to obtain his citizen ship. While he was here the Soviets surfaced AECALBARO/2, et al. We then told him that this would limit his usefulness in operations abroad and that we were reconsidering his assignment. He had never been told by the outcome of our reconsideration, and is therefore still waiting to find out whether he will be assigned in Germany or whether in the U.S. His family condition has become critical because of this. His wife finished dental school in January 1958. According to A/1 [ ] [ ] had said that it would be easy for her to work for the American armed forces in Germany as a dentist. However, when A/1 and his wife made inquiries in the Defense Department they discovered that it was unlikely that this could be arranged. Therefore, A/1's wife is reluctant to go to Germany, but she will if her husband is assigned there. However, she must know soon, because if she is to stay in the U.S. and practice she must apply ~~for~~ to take the Dental license exam. during the early part of May. This basic uncertainty as to their future has been the main cause of their domestic difficulties.

I explained to A/1 that because of the surfacings we were ~~reconsidering~~ had definitely decided that he could not be used abroad in such tasks as contacting and recruiting, because of the danger that he might contaminate otherwise clean sources. He agreed that this was the only course to take. I then said that there were other jobs abroad, such as debriefing and interrogating repatriates and returnees, ~~which~~ which he could probably do. I said that we had asked the people in Germany if they had need of ~~another~~ person with AECALBARO/1's qualifications for a debriefing job. I said that ~~although~~ we had not yet heard from field, but that in view of the urgency of A/1's domestic

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situation I would find out by 9 May. The prospect of his getting a definite answer seemed to cheer him considerably, and he said that if he would know whether or not he would be going to Germany this would help him considerably at home.

2. I asked A/1 what he would prefer to do if he did not go to Germany. He said that he didn't care too much what he might do if it were more or less permanent. He felt that the work he was doing now (translating mail intercepts) was temporary and "busy" work. If he had a choice he would prefer training the "second group", A/1's term for AEDDY-type training. X

When I asked if his wife would prefer to set up a dental practice in the Washington area, he said that ~~she~~ she would probably prefer some place in northern United States. I mentioned a possibility that he and his wife might want to be in some other place, and if she felt strongly about this perhaps A/1 might want to get a job, and ~~then~~ then we would consult him on a parttime basis. I mentioned this possibility so that he might have some forewarning if it becomes necessary to terminate him and find him another job. I don't believe that he got the full significance of the remark and if termination is ever considered it will have to be laid on carefully.

3. A/1 had been told that his security clearance was being changed and that this was one cause of delay. I assured him that there was no problem of loyalty and that the basic reason for the delay was that we had not heard from the field whether or not a position is available.

4. A/1 related that he had recently talked to the Latvian chargé in Washington, A. Spekke, about AECOB/10. A/1 said that SPEKKE had been cool toward him ever since he found out two years ago that he, A/1, had been a friend of AECOB/10. In order to clarify this situation, A/1 recently approached SPEKKE and ~~asked~~ told him that he did not have any close relations with A/10. SPEKKE said that this was fine and then related that one of his Sources from Europe had informed him that AECOB/10 was indeed a member of the CHEKA (Soviet Security). SPEKKE would not reveal the source of his information. Since this incident SPEKKE's attitude toward A/1 has been more cordial.

5. A/1 is somewhat concerned about his father in Riga. A/1's sister in Australia recently received a letter from her father in which the father makes the following suggestions. Before expounding the story A/1 explained that AECOB/10 is in fairly regular contact with A/1's father. The proposal here related is based on the assumption that AECOB/10 believes that he is in debt to A/1 for the monthly support being provided to A/10's mother in Sweden. (This support is sent by KUBARK.) Another assumption being A/10's father's proposal is the fact that A/1 has borrowed \$2,000.00 from his mother's cousin in New York. This cousin ~~has~~ has a sister, living in Riga, who is in economic need. A/1's father proposes, in the aforementioned letter to A/1's sister, that AECOB/10 wishes to pay back some of his indebtedness to AEDDYBARO/1 by giving money to A/1's

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father, who in turn will give it to the cousin in Riga. The cousin in New York will be asked to consider this as partial payment of the \$2,000.00 owed to her AECALBARO/1.

A/1 does not want to involve his father in this scheme, nor does he wish to pay back his second cousin in N.Y. indirectly by this method. I suggested that he was completely within his rights to ~~request that~~ inform the people in Latvia, via his sister in Australia, that he preferred to pay the cousin in N.Y. back ~~request that~~ directly and that she could, if she wished, send packages to her sister in Riga. A/1 agreed to this course of action which he will carry out unless he hears from me.

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